

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 21, lines 26 to 27, and continuing on page 22, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

First, the data I/O processor 2 reads MPEG video data to be edited from the data storage 1 to the video buffer 3 in accordance with an operation of a user who is to edit editing MPEG video data (step S1).

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, lines 2 to 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The video edit manager 4 sets an area of the MPEG video data to be edited in accordance with an operation of the user (step S2). The ~~user's operations~~ user operates to designate the MPEG video data to be edited, and to set the area to be edited are performed by using a non-illustrated user interface. A method for setting the area to be edited is arbitrary, and is not limited in particular. For example, in order to set the area, a frame number may be designated, or a series of video data represented by frames may be displayed, so that an area may be selected from the displayed video data.

Please replace the paragraph on page 26, lines 15 to 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a case where the GOP to be edited is determined as a closed GOP in step S26, and in a case where the next frame is determined as an I picture or a P picture in step S28, the process flow goes to step S32. In step S32, the video edit manager 4 creates GOP header information, and records the created GOP header information in the data storage 1 via the data I/O processor 2. After this, the ~~vide~~ video edit manager 4 records the I picture detected in step S24 in the data storage 1 via the data I/O processor 2 (step S33).

Please replace the paragraph on page 26, lines 21 to 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, the ~~vide~~ video edit manager 4 records the remaining data from a next picture to the final frame in the area to be edited which is set in step S2 in the data storage 1 via the data I/O processor 2 (stepS34). In a case where the process flow goes from step S28 to step S32, the B picture which follows the I picture detected in step S24 is already stored in the data storage 1. Therefore, in step S34, the video edit manager 4 records data from the I picture or the P picture detected in step S28 to the final frame in the area to be edited set in step S2 in the data storage 1 via the data I/O processor.

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, lines 13 to 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, when the B picture  $B_1$  of the GOP2 is edited, the B picture  $B_1$  is expanded by the ~~vide~~ video expander 6, compressed by the ~~vide~~ video compressor 7, and as a result, an I picture  $I_1$  of a GOP2-1 is created.